

Maine Revised Statutes

Title 25: INTERNAL SECURITY AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Chapter 401: DISPOSAL OF UNCLAIMED, LOST OR STOLEN PERSONAL PROPERTY BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

§3503. SALE OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

If the identity or location of the owner or other person entitled to possession of the property has not been ascertained within 6 months after the law enforcement agency obtains such possession, or said identity has been determined and such person does not claim possession within this 6-month period, and the finder of such property, if any, has not claimed it pursuant to the provisions of section 3507 within 15 days after the expiration of said 6-month period, the principal official thereof shall effectuate the sale of the property for cash to the highest bidder at a public auction, notice of which, including time, place and a brief description of such property, shall be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the county wherein such official has authority at least 10 days prior to such auction or in the state paper in the case of a state law enforcement agency. Property offered but not sold at such public auction may be offered and sold at a subsequent public auction without further notice, donated to a nonprofit organization or charity or disposed of as waste. [2011, c. 267, §2 (AMD).]

A law enforcement agency shall appropriately and properly dispose of as waste any property that poses a possible health risk. [2011, c. 267, §2 (NEW).]

At no time may any property that has been disposed of by a law enforcement agency as waste be owned or personally used by any member of a law enforcement agency or by any immediate family member of any member of a law enforcement agency. [2011, c. 267, §2 (NEW).]

SECTION HISTORY

1975, c. 558, (NEW). 2011, c. 267, §2 (AMD).

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